GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN HILLY AREAS
Kashyap Shri Virender

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether capitals of all the States are being linked with four-lane roads in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard and the States which are not covered under the project;

(c) whether this project has been delayed due to environmental clearance and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for environmental protection in hilly areas under this project;

(d) whether the Government is facing hurdles in linking Shimla under the said project and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of persons who are likely to be affected by this project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) to (c) Under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase III the connectivity is provided for the state capitals, places of tourists importance and economic importance to the corridors of NHDP Phase I and Phase II. So far under NHDP Phase III, out of the total length of 12,109 km, 5565 km of length has been completed, 4859 km is under implementation and 1685 km is under balance for award. There have been delays in award and completion of some of the projects due to multiple reasons including environment clearance. NHAI had taken up the issue of expediting environment clearance and sought directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court and MoEF the issue of delinking of forest clearance from environment clearance has been resolved which will expedite the environment clearance.

(d) No Madam.

(e) Number of persons who are likely to affected on account of 4 laning of Parwanoo-Shimla project is approximately 2000.